

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0038] at page 10 of Applicants' specification with new paragraph [0038], wherein the additions are noted in underlined text:

[0038] The at least one pore-forming material of the composite film comprises a compound or compounds that is capable of being easily and preferably substantially removed from the composite film upon exposure to one or more energy sources. The pore-forming material may also be referred to herein as a porogen. A "pore-former" is a reagent that is used to generate void volume within the resultant film. Regardless of whether or not the pore-former is unchanged throughout the inventive process, the term "pore-former" as used herein is intended to encompass pore-forming reagents, precursors, (or pore-forming substituents) and derivatives thereof, in whatever forms they are found throughout the entire process of the invention. Suitable compounds to be used as the pore-forming material of the present invention include, but are not limited to, hydrocarbon materials, labile organic groups, solvents, decomposable polymers, surfactants, dendrimers, hyper-branched polymers, polyoxyalkylene compounds, or combinations thereof. In certain preferred embodiments of the present invention, the pore-forming phase comprises a C₁ to C₁₃ hydrocarbon compound.